



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: John R. Liddicoat et al.  
Serial No.: 09/760,222  
Filing Date: 01/12/2001  
Title: TISSUE ANNULOPLASTY BAND AND APPARATUS  
AND METHOD FOR FASHIONING, SIZING AND  
IMPLANTING THE SAME  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: William H. Matthews  
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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

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A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

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